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Board of Health Focuses on School Activity and Nutrition

Wednesday, October 15, 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Yakima Convention Center, Room A, 10 N 8th Street., Yakima

The Washington State Board of Health will meet October 15 in joint session with the Yakima Health District Board and members of Yakima-area school districts to discuss ways to promote physical activity and nutrition in Washington Schools.

The Board is collaborating with the Department of Health, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the UW Center for Public Health Nutrition and other groups to improve policies, practices and requirements for nutrition and physical activities in the schools. Projects will include:

- creating a Web site (www.healthyschoolswa.org) to showcase model policies and programs;
- assisting school districts interested in reviewing their existing policies and practices; and
- convening community forums with local boards of health and local school boards to focus attention on the issue.

The October 15 meeting with the Yakima Health District Board of Health and Yakima-area school board members is the first of several such partnership meetings the Board expects to host.

The joint meeting will take place during the afternoon session of an all-day Board meeting. A regular Board meeting during the morning session will feature a hearing on proposed rules that would mandate additional newborn screening tests. The meeting will be held at the Yakima Convention Center in conjunction with the annual Joint Conference on Health.

Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the Board of Health at (360) 236-4110 or by visiting the Board's Web site at www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/.

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